

Princeville, a town in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, that stands strong as the oldest town incorporated by African Americans in the United States of America. Populated primarily by African Americans, the historic town of Princeville holds a legacy of pride and stands as a powerful symbol of African American determination and endurance in the face of adversity.

Originally known as "Freedom Hill," Princeville was established by freed slaves in 1885. As the Civil War came to an end, many former slaves sought a new frontier of protection and freedom and left the plantations for Union troop encampments. Once the Union soldiers departed the encampments, many former slaves stayed behind and settled in an area named Freedom Hill, incorporated in 1885 in Edgecombe County. The name Freedom Hill was later changed to Princeville in honor of a well-known community member by the name of Turner Prince. A former slave and local carpenter, Turner Prince lived in Freedom Hill since its founding and was heavily involved in building many community homes for families in Freedom Hill.

While Princeville faced many challenges throughout its existence, the residents also benefitted by the strength of their collective community in many ways. Free from their enslavement, many were able to reconnect with family and gain control of their labor and requirement of compensation. Princeville developed into a community with self-employed laborers and artisans. In 1880, the community was also home to eight carpenters, seven blacksmiths, four grocers, three seamstresses and three brick masons. Princeville workers were also able to capitalize on the growth of local area communities and were able to find employment in various sectors such as textile mills and lumber industries. Freedom also brought the hope and power associated with the right to vote and hold political office. In fact, several eastern counties of North Carolina, Black residents were a majority, and in many of these locations, Blacks exercised their political strength by electing Black men to office. Princeville and Edgecombe County voters were able to elect eleven Black men to the state legislature to serve fifteen terms from 1877 to 1890. Indeed, Princeville was an example to the nation of the importance and power of having the unfettered access to make one's voice heard through their vote.

From recovery of the unnatural disaster of slavery and segregation to the devastation of natural disasters of hurricanes and flooding, the people of Princeville's determination and strength have allowed them to endure and overcome many difficulties and challenges. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the First District of North Carolina, I am proud to recognize the 136th anniversary of the historic town of Princeville and am honored to serve as their Representative in Congress.

The Princeville citizens continue to represent the power of community and the importance of freedom to control one's own destiny to create a path forward free from oppression, suppression, and undue barriers. The town of Princeville has, without exception, earned the right to be recognized, honored, and celebrated, and it is my hope that the citizens of Princeville will continue its proud legacy for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE JAMES KANDREVAS' 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE 28TH DISTRICT COURT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge James Kandrevas on the occasion of his retirement after serving 30 years as the 28th District Judge in Southgate, Michigan. His significant contributions to the Southgate community are worthy of commendation.

Judge Kandrevas grew up in River Rouge and as a young man, he worked as a steelworker on Zug Island. This experience encouraged him to pursue a degree from Wayne State University. In 1970, he earned a law degree from the Detroit College of Law. After passing the bar, he was a litigator and served as Southgate's city attorney, eventually serving as Southgate's Municipal Judge from 1973 to 1979. He became Mayor of the City of Southgate in 1983 and remained in that role until 1990. During his time as Mayor, he stabilized city employee pensions, established a center for senior citizens, and expanded recreation programs.

In 1990, Judge Kandrevas was elected Judge of the 28th District Court and has served five consecutive six-year terms. During his tenure on the court, he has made an impact on the lives of many. Judge Kandrevas is known for his administration of special courts for drug abusers and military veterans with emotional and personal problems. He has also directed special operations that include counseling, mentoring, rehabilitation, recovery, and treatment as an alternative to jail sentences. His court has helped many veterans and civilians turn their lives around when they have found themselves in trouble with the law. Although he is retiring, Judge Kandrevas' time in the courtroom is not yet done—he will be allowed to remain on the bench as a visiting judge.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge James Kandrevas for his exemplary 30 years of public service. He has effectively served Southgate and the state of Michigan in his role as the 28th District Judge. I join with Judge Kandrevas' family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily

Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 24

Time to be announced

Committee on the Budget

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

S-207

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and committee rules of procedure for the 117th Congress.

SD-342

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Joseph Burns, of Maryland, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing in SVC-217.

SR-301

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine investing in transportation while addressing climate change, improving equity, and fostering economic growth and innovation.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Xavier Becerra, of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine native communities' priorities in focus for the 117th Congress.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Isabella Casillas Guzman, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SD-215

4 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine vaccines for vets, focusing on ending the COVID-19 pandemic.

SD-G50

FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense support to the COVID-19 response.

SD-G50

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the coronavirus crisis, focusing on next steps for rebuilding Main Street.

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